Gadby Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1970

Incorporating a report on
the sanitary circumstances
of the District prepared
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Area in acres	2,444
Rateable value at April 1st 1970	£984,739
Sum represented by penny rate	£4,070
Population (mid 1970)	19,800
Number of houses occupied	5,884
Additional occupied houses combined with shops	25
Number of houses owned by the Council	411

BIRTHS

Live Births	Legitimate	
Male		153
Female		140
Total		293
	Illegitimate	
Male		5
Female		3
Total		8
Total Live Births		
Male		158
Female		143
Total		301
Stillbirths		
Male		2
Female		-
Total		2
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population		15.2

DEATHS

Deaths	All Causes
Male	69
Female	59
Total	128
Deaths of infants under one year of age	
Male	2
Female	1
Total	3
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	6.5
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	10.0

Causes of Deaths

Year ending 31st December, 1970

Registrar General's Classification	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	5	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	3	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	8	3	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	3	6	9
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	1	-	1
Anaemias	-	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	1	3
Hypertensive Disease	-	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	19	7	26
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	1	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	12	21
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	2	3
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	-	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	3	-	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All other Accidents	-	3	3
All other External Causes	1	-	1
Total	69	59	128

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from this disease during 1970.

No new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following cases were notified :-

Measles	16
Scarlet Fever	2
Whooping cough	5
Food poisoning	2
Salmonella infection	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

No formal action was necessary during the year.

A REPORT ON THE

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

OF THE OADBY URBAN DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1970

1. WATER SUPPLY

The water supplied to the district from Leicester Corporation sources has been adequate and satisfactory.

All houses in the district have a mains supply of water within the premises.

2. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Reconstruction of filters continued during the year and effluent samples showed some improvement over 1969.

3. CESSPOOLS AND CLOSETS

There is one pail closet and fifteen cesspools within the district. 5,981 water closets serve all other houses.

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING

The public cleansing fleet is comprised of the following vehicles :-

4 Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic continuous loaders

1 Karrier 1000 gallon gully emptier

1 Karrier Mechanical Sweeper

1 Whitlock Power Shovel

1 Karrier 3 ton lorry

A weekly collection of both domestic and trade refuse is given. Bulk refuse from domestic premises is collected free of charge and a Civic Amenity tip is open 24 hours per day for householders to dispose of cars, garden refuse etc. Refuse is being tipped at East Norton but work is in progress on a Seerdrum pulverisation plant which will deal with both refuse and sewage sludge. The product from the plant will still be tipped at East Norton.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

1,308 Complaints were received

1,290 Premises were involved

INSPECTIONS MADE

	Number of inspections
Animal Keeping	4
Bakehouses	17
Dairies	4
Drainage Works	358
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	3,684
Infectious Disease Inquiries	27
Food Poisoning Inquiries	12
Food Premises	553
Refuse Collection and Disposal	2,774
Rodent Control (Excluding Rodent operator visits)	338

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	Number of inspections
Schools	42
Shops & Offices	326
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection	1,007
Smoke Control	28
Verminous & Dirty Premises	4
Caravans	Nil
Water Supplies	Nil
Factories & Workshops	59
Other Inspections	981
Total	10,218

NOTICES (PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS)

Notices outstanding on 1st January 8
Notices issued during year 31
Notices complied with during year 32
Notices outstanding on 31st December .. 7

REGULATED BUILDINGS

There are no regulated buildings in the area.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Four houses were found to be infested and appropriate remedial action was taken.

6. OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of premises	Number registered	Number of inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31. 12. 70
Offices	28	28	-	3	1	2
Retail Shops	87	88	2	16	15	1
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	19	19	3	3	3	-
Catering estbs. open to the public, canteens	9	9	1	1	-	1
Fuel Storage depots	1	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	144	145	6	23	19	4

7. PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences were issued during the year, and the premises were inspected on two occasions and found to be satisfactory.

8. ANIMAL BOARDING ESTSBLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One person in the area is licenced and two inspections were made of the premises.

9. FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of premises inspected	207
Number of inspections made	543
Informal notices served	15
Notices complied with	14
Notices outstanding on 31st December	4

ICE CREAM

Thirty one premises were registered for the retail sale of ice cream. Thirty one samples of ice cream were taken for analysis, twenty five proving to be grade I, five grade II and one grade IV.

10. MILK & DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

Number of distributors registered	14
Number of inspections carried out	4

11. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are two slaughterhouses in the area which are licenced and comply with the standards required by the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) and Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958. All 16,506 animals killed were inspected with the following results :-

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed	2,151	106	299	13899	51	-
Number inspected	2,151	106	299	13899	51	-
All Diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	5	2	11	47	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	284	23	14	275	4	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	13%	25%	8%	2%	8%	-
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The weight of meat condemned was 7 tons 17 cwts. 101 lbs. A further 2,924 animals were slaughtered in 1970 more than in 1969, and correspondingly more time was spent in inspection which is now taking a large part of inspector's time.

Other foods condemned were :-

Cooked meats & meat products		20 lbs.
Canned meats	1 cwt.	101 lbs.
Other canned foods	1 cwt.	15 lbs.
Fish (Fresh)		3 lbs.
Fruit & Vegetables (fresh)	1 cwt.	3 lbs.
Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdown	14 cwts.	49 lbs.

12. NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

No complaints were received during the year.

13. SWIMMING BATHS

Eighteen inspections were carried out. Thirty six samples of water were taken from the swimming pool, all of which were satisfactory.

14. RODENT CONTROL

Rodent control work was carried out by Rentokil Ltd., during 1970. 152 infestations were dealt with. This was the first full year that this work has been done by contract and it has proved to be as efficient and cheaper than previous years when the Council have employed a Rodent Operator.

15. HOUSING

Inspections of dwelling houses

Number of houses inspected 134
Number of inspections made 834
Fifteen houses were rendered fit by their owners after informal action
Three houses were found to be unfit for human habitation

Improvement Grants

No applications were received for Discretionary Grants.

Applications for Standard Grants were as follows :-

Applications from owner/occupiers	11
Applications from owners of rented property	1
Applications approved	4
Properties improved during 1970	2

New Houses

Houses completed during 1970 :

Local Authority	Nil
Private Enterprise	209

Houses in course of construction at 31st December :

Local Authority	20
Private Enterprise	142

Total post-war construction

Local Authority	364
Private Enterprise	4370

Local Authority Housing List

Applications received during 1970	50
Total Applications listed	150

16. FACTORIES

There were 92 factories registered. No inspections were carried out.

There were 9 outworkers registered.

17. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No major problems were encountered during 1970.